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TAGS: CDES, FR (TALBOT, GERALD)

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

REF: STATE 241008 AND PARIS 25808

1. THE EMBASSY HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES ARRANGING BURIAL OF GERALD TALBOT ACCORDING TO FAMILY WISHES AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONTACT MRS. PATRICIA BORST (TEL. 914 - 352-2833) FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FAMILY DESIRES BURIAL IN AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY IN FRANCE. AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION IN PARIS ADVISES ALL 10 CEMETERIES LEGALLY CLOSED TO NEW BURIALS EXCEPT BY SPECIAL ACT OF CONGRESS. MAJ. GEN. ANDREW ADAMS, ABMC, OFFICE 4C014 FORRESTAL BLDG, WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY THIS.

3. VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE IN US ADVISED MRS. BORST THERE ARE 3 US MILITARY CEMETERIES IN FRANCE WHERE SUBJECT COULD BE BURIED. SURESNES, OISE-AISNE AND AISNE-MARNE. ABMC PARIS STATES THESE ARE WW I CEMETERIES AND DEFINITELY CLOSED.

4. ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT TO USE AMERICAN LEGION MAUSOLEUM UNSUCCESSFUL; WOULD CONSIDER TRANSFER IN 2-4 YEARS TO NEW FACILITY IN BURIED NOW IN NON-LEGION CEMETERY.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS BURIAL IN NEUILLY CEMETERY NEAR AMERICAN LEGION MAUSOLEUM. OTHER FORMER U.S. SOLDIERS ARE BURIED THERE. TEN YEAR RENEWABLE PLOT AVAILABLE
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OR 30 YEAR RENEWABLE PLOT AT ADDITIONAL COST OF DOLLARS

300.

6. ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE CONTACTING FRENCH
AUTHORITIES TO FIND FRENCH MILITARY CEMETERY IN
NORMANDY WHICH STILL HAS SPACE AND HAS PREVIOUS
AMERICAN BURIALS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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